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# LAUNCH OF THE SHIPS

Final Preparations for the Great Event.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Warships Coming. Flowers

guests Thursdry morring. It is cer-tain that Secretary John D. Long will witness the laumeh. President McKin-ley may also come, but this depends on the developments in the Maine dis-saster. President McKinley has ex-pressed a desire to be present, and it is stoped he will be able to leave the ex-ecutive mansion for one day. His pres-ence would lend additional eckat to the occasion, and the ceremonies would be more elaborate. In the parry will be the members of the Naval Affairs Com-mittees of the two houses. They are as follows:

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Senates—Bugene/ Hale, of Maine, chairman: George C. Perkins, of Callfornia; James McMainn, of Michigan: William E. Chantlier, of New Hampsthier: Thomas C. Platt, of New Hampsthier: Thomas C. Statt, of New Jersey: Benjamin R. Trilman, of South Carobian; Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia; Marion Butter, of North Carobian, and Samuel D. Mc-Enery, of Louishana.

House—Charles A. Boutelle, of Maine, chafeman; Samuel G. Historn, of California; Manville Bull, of Rhode Island; George E. Foss, of Historia; James H. Southard, of Ohio; Henry C. Loudenslager, of New Jersey; R. B. Hawley, of Texas; Thomas S. Butter, of Pennsylvania; Amos J. Cummengs, of New York; Adolph Meyer, of Louislana; Patish Carter Tate, of 'Mabama, and Robert N. Bodine, of Missouri, Senators William Lindsay and William J. Deboe and Representatives Charles Kennedy Wheeler, John D. Clardy, John S. Rhea, David H. Smita, Walter Evans, Albert S. Berry, Evan E. South, T. Y. Fitzpatrick and David G. Colson, comprising Kentucky's full representation in both houses of Congress, are expected to be here next Thursday.

Mr. C. B. Orcutt, president of the

Dennés Long, Sr., then Jacob Krieger, and from that on I secure; 300 names, including the entire judicary of the city, bankers, bacristers, physicians and leading political lights. Asher Caruth was then a member of Congress. He laughed at my efforts, but said he wooded heip do anything for Louisville, that would carry her name abroad, so he put his name on my list. I was frequently discouraged by 'mossbacks, but energy was as often estored, and in 1892 I completed the petition. That year the rendezvous of the world's naviers was held in Hampton Roads, and I attended the event in the interest of u syndicate of newspapers. In going to the Roads I first wen't to Washington and presented my document to Secretary Herbert, who remarked on seeing 4t, This is the first petition that has ever been handed me from any section of the country, but I am sorry to inform you that Congress hus recently concluded not to build any more causiers than those already named, for twelve years; but if your people will make this request one for - battleship to be called "Kentur-ky" I will make this request one for - battleship to be called "Kentur-ky" I will make that he name of No. 16. I was not prepared to reply to this proposition. I then asked time to confer with my friends at home, which was granted. I went to Humpton Roads, and on returning home called on Mr. James F. Prackner, Jr., and asked him to get the board of trade to advise me how to reply. It was decided that a bird in the hand was sworth far more than two in u thorn tree, so the proposition was accepted. I was the only Kenturckin at the Newport News shippard the day the Kenturcky's keel was commenced, and one of the workmen purnched my name in one of the keel plates. In connection with my original efforts in this line, the following letters to this by proposition was the how popular (Mrh. Nov. 21, 1890. "Mr. Tom Hall, Louisville, Ky.:

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# SKIPS BY THE MOON

Negro Lawyer Leaps Out of a Two-Story Window.

AND STRIKES A 2:40 GAIT

name it the Metropolitan.
The house will be managed on a first-class plan and will be conducted on a \$2 rate. It contains thirty-five rooms.

### Police Court.

The following uses were disposed of by Judge Brown in the Police Court resterday morning: James Donely, drunk; fined \$2 and osts. Junes Connell, drunk; fined \$2 and

rsts. Robert Hart, drunk; fined \$2 and osts, Alex, Murroy, diamk; fined \$2 and costs.

J. Bloom, obstructing sidewalk; fined \$3 and costs.

Get a nice umbrella at Hirshberg's; if it rains this week you will need it body; if it don't rain you can lend it to your neighbor.

### A Great Difference.

If you haven't been sending your taundry work to us you cannot appreciate what a difference it makes to have the edge of your collars ironed Try us once and find out what we mean. Newport News Steam Laundry

The correct full dress shirt at Hirsh-

### A Close Shave.

This is what your collars and cuff-will get if you let us launder them Our little wonder takes all the whis-kers off and gives you solid comfort Newport News Steam Laundry. It

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If you want pictures of any kind or size see Wagoner, 2412 Washington av-enue. feb 20-tf.

which will be held Thursday, April 28;
First Ward—Charles Adams, T. W. ladkins sand Lewis Wakelledt.
Second Ward—Messrs, J. M. Griffin and S. A. Fuller.
Third Ward—Messrs, W. R. McPall, W. F. Webb and C. C. Crumpler,
Fourth Ward—Messrs, Bagnell, Henry Haley and Robert Wilkins,
Fifth Ward—W. C. Stuurt, R. H.
Ilarris and A. H. Henley.

care Ward-W. C. Schart, R. H. Jarris and A. H. Henley, Skich Ward-M. O. Morris and W. P. Jallend, Seven'h Ward-P. M. Folan, Others o be relected.

## NOW FOR BASE BALL.

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Orioles Defeat the Mercer University Team, of Macon Ga.

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Macreer, T. Derors-Baltimore, 4; Mercer, Mansfield and Gurrett, pitchers; Acree and Jones, catchers.

Mrs. A. B. Morris, of Richmond, Va., will display a case of spring millinery in the pattiers of Mrs. U. J. Burk, 229 Twenty-seventh street, Newport News, on Monday, March 21, 1898. Public in-

The correct full dress shirt at Hirsh-berg's.

# YESTERDAY'S EVENTS

Survivors of the Maine Confer With McKinley.

### TWO MORE FINE WARSHIPS

es of armament are being made daily erable to the virtues bureaus. The many bureau of the contracted for 4,500,000 pounds of powder, which is probably the largest single order ever given. This was divided between the California Powder Company. The order is sufficient in the aggregate to give 200 rounds for every gun affoat in the Americas mavy, and with this large supply on hand the savy, for the first time in vears, will be more than amply supplied with powder.

An unusually large number of Senators took advantage of the fact that the Senate was not in session today to call upon he cabinet officers with the hope of securing definite information as to the Cuban situation. They succeeded only in learning that the report of the Maine court of inquiry had not arrived but it was expected early mext week, and that it would be forwarded to Congress immediately upon its strivial unless of an unexpectedly startling chreuter.

Some of them found the high officials of the State Department deliberating outpon the line of policy to be pursued in case the report of the naval court should have the effect of entirely eliminating the Maine incident from the structure.

The State Department officials did not make a positive declaration that such information was in their possession, rather advancing it as a tentetive suggestion, and when pressed for information on this point replied that they only knew that the report was to come next week, and that they and advance information as to its contents. An important contract was left to the Navy Department today, It was to come next week, and that they and advance information as to its contents, that may be a succeeded to the harbor about Fort Jefferson on Dry Torrugas Island, which enable darge naval and merchant vessels to anchor very near the shore to take on coal. This is the first step taken by the Navy

SPAIN BUYS A YACHT, NICE, March 19.—It is runnored here that Spain has purchased the steam yield Giralda, belonging to Hugh Mc-Calmon, M. P.

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PANDO NOT CAPTURED,
here gigay that General Garcia's forces
have captured General Pando. The repict his caused the widest excitement
among the Cultums here, who believe
this would bring Spuln to terms.

HAVANA, March 19.—The report
circulated here that General Pando, the
Spanish commander in chief in Cuba,
has been captured by the insurgent
General Greca, is untrue, According
to the hitest advices General Pando,
had left Clero de Avia and was proceeding to the caviward, probably with
Puerto Principe as his destination.
One six-inch gun and a valuable cable were recovered baday from the
wreek of the Maine. The bodies of two
of the Maine victims were sent to Key
West this afternoon on the steame Olivette. Chapiain Chalwick is revising the list of the bodies thus far retovered. He inclines to the belief that
a larger number has been recovered
than has been scated, but will know poslively us to this in a few days.

In a semi-satirical editorial entitled
"All for humanity." La Langa today
refers to the fact that Spain is enterted to the main the comman.

Cuba is deeply interested in the coming
clections, while the United States
seems to be entirely devoted to humanity. The editorial says the relief work
is so wide-pread and so greatly varied
there that it is not impossible to suspect
that there is some other motive for it
then charity, and hims at a desire to
Americanize v'but.

The paper says of Miss Cara Barron's
refer to build frouses for the sufferers
that in "time these might grow into

Considerable Excitement in Military Circles.

WAGERS BEING SEITLED

that their relations were strained. A Burnett suffed from New York for E land about ten days ago. Dr. Burnintimated tonight that the suft was statued by mutual agreement, and i not probable that he will seek to p yent the decree.

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CERALLOS THELIEVED.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, March 19.—The Spainsh minister at Wasshington today relieved J. M. Colaibas at further duty on the Cuson outer from Scient Polo was a surprise to Senor Celanas, in reply to advect the notice from Scient Polo was a surprise to Senor Celanas, in reply to advect the function of the policy of the colain service of inference, as, in reply to advect the was never surprised at mathematical and the consideration of the colain service of the col

BAILEY WHAL BE A CANDIDATE.

(By Telegraph.)

PITTSBURG, PA. March 19.—Congremman Joseph Beiley, of Texas Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, will be a candidate for the speakership of that body next session. Mr. Bailey was in the city today in conference with a number of prominent Democrats, and to them he disclosed his ambition to succeed Thomas B. Read, the present incumbent. He thinks his chances for success are good. He believes free silver will win in 1999.

Have your building decorated for the learner ing. Thousands of strangers will be fiver. Give them a gold impression of Newport News. M. Muttedorfer & Son artistic decorators, of Richmond, are prepared to clothe your building in gala attime. They futurish the decorating material. Cull and see them et 217 Twenty-fifth street,